Please replace the claims in the application with the following set of claims:

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45. (Previously presented) Door knob having light-emitting location indicator and door, comprising:

a) a vertically inclined door;

b) a door latch mounted in the door;

c) a shaft for controlling the door latch; the shaft having a main, rotational axis; the rotational axis extending orthogonally away from a main surface of the door;

d) a door knob held to the shaft and comprising protective translucent material;

e) at least one object comprising light-emitting material that either phosphoresces or luminesces, without an electrical power source, mounted within the knob and being visible through the protective translucent material;

f) the at least one object being sized sufficiently smaller from the size of the protective translucent material so that the at least one object appears as different from said protective translucent material;

g) the light-emitting material being designed to emit light in a darkened space to thereby visually indicate the location of the knob in the darkened space; and

h) the at least one object being sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating within the protective translucent material as viewed in a direction parallel to said main surface.

46. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein the door is large enough to allow humans to walk through a doorway that is selectively closed by the door.

47. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein the at least one object comprises two or more objects.

48. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein the translucent material is substantially transparent.

49. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein substantially the entire outer surface of each of the at least one object is each substantially intimately surrounded by translucent material.

50. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein the at least one object defines a plurality of substantially similar shapes spaced from each other.

51. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 50, wherein the shapes have respective outlines which are non-circular, each defining a multi-pointed shape.

52. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 51, wherein the at least one object is sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating as the at least one object is viewed along all directions parallel to said main surface.

53. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 51, wherein the non-circular outlines each define a substantially polygonal shape.

54. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein the at least one object comprises at least two objects spatially separated from each other along said rotational axis.

55. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 54, wherein the at least two objects comprise a pair of objects, each being sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating within the protective translucent material as viewed in a direction parallel to said main surface.

56. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein at least one of the at least one object contains at least two portions that emit light in respectively different colors.

57. (Canceled)

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59. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein at least one of the at least one object further comprises a non-light-emitting portion visible in daylight.

60. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 59, wherein the non-light emitting portion comprises less than 20 percent of the surface of the object.

61. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 60, wherein the non-light emitting portion comprises at least two portions of respectively different colors.

62. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, further including a non-light emitting object mounted within the knob, visually contrasting with the translucent material, and being visible through protective translucent material.

63. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 62, wherein the non-light-emitting object is spaced from at least one object comprising light-emitting material.

64. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 45, wherein the knob includes a locking mechanism with a keyhole in the vicinity of the at least one object.

65. (Currently amended) Door knob having light-emitting location indicator and door, comprising:

a) a vertically inclined door;

b) a door knob directly or indirectly mounted to the door; the door knob comprising:

i) a main axis orthogonal to a main surface of the door;

ii) protective translucent material having a maximum cross-sectional area taken along said main axis; and

iii) a portion of the door knob having a surface adjacent the door; the foregoing surface having ~~that has~~ a cross-sectional area taken along the main axis ~~that is less than the first-mentioned maximum cross-sectional area~~;

iv) said maximum cross-sectional area being at least twice as large as said cross-sectional area of said portion of the door knob;

c) at least one object comprising light-emitting material that either phosphoresces or luminesces, without an electrical power source, mounted within the knob and being visible through the protective translucent material;

d) the at least one object being sized sufficiently smaller from the size of the protective translucent material so that the at least one object appears as different from said protective translucent material;

e) the light-emitting material being designed to emit light in a darkened space to thereby visually indicate the location of the knob in the darkened space; and

f) the at least one object being sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating within the protective translucent material as viewed in a direction parallel to said main surface.

66. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein:

a) the knob is mounted to the door directly or indirectly by a shaft having a portion extending into the knob;

b) said portion extending into the knob being situated along said main axis between the door and the at least one object.

67. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein the door is large enough to allow humans to walk through a doorway that is selectively closed by the door.

68. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein the at least one object comprises two or more objects.

69. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein the translucent material is substantially transparent.

70. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein substantially the entire outer surface of each of the at least one object is each substantially intimately surrounded by translucent material.

71. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein the at least one object defines a plurality of substantially similar shapes spaced from each other.

72. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 71, wherein the shapes have respective outlines which are non-circular, each defining a multi-pointed shape.

73. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 72, wherein the at least one object is sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating as the at least one object is viewed along all directions parallel to said main surface.

74. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 72, wherein the non-circular outlines each define a substantially polygonal shape.

75. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein the at least one object comprises at least two objects spatially separated from each other along said main axis.

76. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 75, wherein the at least two objects comprise a pair of objects, each being sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating within the protective translucent material as viewed in a direction parallel to said main surface.

77. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein at least one of the at least one object contains at least two portions that emit light in respectively different colors.

78. (Canceled)

79. (Canceled)

80. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein at least one of the at least one object further comprises a non-light-emitting portion visible in daylight.

81. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 80, wherein the non-light emitting portion comprises less than 20 percent of the surface of the object.

82. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 81, wherein the non-light emitting portion comprises at least two portions of respectively different colors.

83. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, further including a non-light emitting object mounted within the knob, visually contrasting with the translucent material, and being visible through protective translucent material.

84. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 83, wherein the non-light-emitting object is spaced from at least one object comprising light-emitting material.

85. (Previously presented) The combination of Claim 65, wherein the knob includes a locking mechanism with a keyhole in the vicinity of the at least one object.

86. (Previously presented) Door knob with light-emitting location indicator, comprising:

a) a knob designed for placement on a vertically inclined door, for being grasped by the hand of a user for opening the door; the knob comprising translucent material;

b) at least one object comprising light-emitting material that either phosphoresces or luminesces, without an electrical power source, mounted within the knob and being visible through a protective layer of translucent material;

c) the at least one object being sized sufficiently smaller from the size of the protective translucent material so that the at least one object appears as different from said protective translucent material;

d) the light-emitting material being designed to emit light in a darkened space to thereby visually indicate the location of the knob in the darkened space;

e) the at least one object being sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating within the protective translucent material from an axial side of the knob; and

f) the knob including a locking mechanism with a keyhole in the vicinity of the at least one object.

87. (Previously presented) The combination of the door knob of Claim 86 and a locking mechanism with a keyhole in the vicinity of the at least one object.

88. (Previously presented) The door knob of Claim 86, wherein the at least one object comprises two or more objects.

89. (New) Door knob having light-emitting location indicator and door, comprising:

a) a vertically inclined door;

b) a door knob directly or indirectly mounted to the door; the door knob comprising:

i) a main axis orthogonal to a main surface of the door;

ii) protective translucent material having a maximum cross-sectional area taken along said main axis; the maximum cross-section area having a maximum dimension; and

iii) the dimension of the knob along said main axis being at least 50 percent of said maximum dimension;

c) at least one object comprising light-emitting material that either phosphoresces or luminesces, without an electrical power source, mounted within the knob and being visible through the protective translucent material;

d) the at least one object being sized sufficiently smaller from the size of the protective translucent material so that the at least one object appears as different from said protective translucent material;

e) the light-emitting material being designed to emit light in a darkened space to thereby visually indicate the location of the knob in the darkened space; and

f) the at least one object being sufficiently surrounded by the protective translucent material as to appear floating within the protective translucent material as viewed in a direction parallel to said main surface.

90. (New) The combination of Claim 65, wherein door knob is mounted to the door with a screw aligned with said main axis of the door knob.

91. (New) The combination of Claim 89, wherein door knob is mounted to the door with a screw aligned with said main axis of the door knob.

92. (New) The combination of Claim 65, wherein said maximum cross-sectional area is at least four times as large as said cross-sectional area of said portion of the door knob.